

What is claimed is:

1. A work glove, comprising:

a glove body having a flexible back surface;

a flexible enclosure having upper and lower layers permanently attached about their peripheries to define a completely enclosed interior space;

a plurality of magnets disposed in spaced-apart relationship within the completely enclosed interior space of said flexible enclosure;

magnet-insulating means disposed within the completely enclosed interior space, said magnet-insulating means constructed and positioned to minimize magnetic interference between adjacent ones of said plurality of magnets and to prevent said plurality of magnets from sliding about within said enclosed interior space, with an exterior surface of an upper one of said two-layer enclosure providing a substantially planar magnetic surface for receiving and retaining metal components against said exterior surface; and

means for releasably attaching said flexible enclosure to the flexible back surface of said glove body at a position adjacent to the knuckle portion of a user's hand when worn.

2. A work glove as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for releasable attachment further comprises:

one-half of a hook-and-loop fastener system disposed upon an exterior surface of the lower layer of said flexible enclosure; and

a corresponding second half of said hook-and-loop fastener system disposed upon the flexible back surface of said glove body.

3. A work glove as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for releasable attachment further comprises:

a first set of mechanical snap members disposed upon an exterior surface of the lower layer of said flexible enclosure; and

a second set of mechanically mating snap members disposed upon the flexible back surface of said glove body.

4. A work glove, comprising:

a glove body having a flexible back surface;

a flexible article of material having a periphery permanently attached to the flexible back surface of said glove body to define a completely enclosed interior space

at a position adjacent the knuckle portion of a user's hand when worn;

a one-piece magnetically insulating flexible substrate having magnet-receiving portions provided in spaced-apart relationship therein;

a plurality of magnets positioned within the magnet-receiving portions of said flexible substrate; and

a flexible adhesive strip wrapped completely around said magnet-containing flexible substrate to form a unitary magnetic assembly;

said unitary magnetic assembly fixedly positioned within said enclosed interior space, such that the exterior surface of flexible article of material provides a substantially planar magnetic surface for receiving and retaining metal components against said exterior surface.

5. A work glove as recited in claim 4, wherein the spaced-apart magnet-receiving portions of said one-piece magnetically-insulating flexible substrate further comprise apertures extending completely therethrough, the apertures having a size and shape complementary to the size and shape of said magnets.

6. A work glove as recited in claim 4, wherein the spaced-apart magnet-receiving portions further comprise cavities provided in an upper surface of said flexible substrate, the cavities having a size and shape complementary to the size and shape of said magnets.

7. A work glove as recited in claim 4, wherein the spaced apart magnet-receiving portions further comprise apertures extending completely through said flexible substrate, the apertures having a shape complementary to the shape of said magnets but sized slightly smaller than said magnets, each aperture sidewall having a continuous groove configured for snap-fitting engagement with the perimeter of a single one of said magnets.

8. A work glove as recited in claim 4, wherein said magnets are at least partially encapsulated within said magnetically insulating flexible substrate.

9. A work glove as recited in claim 4, wherein the spaced-apart magnet-receiving portions of said one-piece magnetically-insulating flexible substrate are vertically staggered.